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TAGS: MASS, US, CE, UK

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF SHIP FOR SRI LANKA NAVY

REF: STATE 187082

1. PER REFTEL WE REQUESTED FCO TODAY TO BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF PROVISION OF A SHIP TO SRI LANKA NAVY. WE ALERTED FCO THAT US WOULD RAISE THIS SUBJECT IN SOUTH ASIA TALKS IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 25.
 2. FCO REACTION WAS NON-COMMITTAL AS QUESTION OF SALE WOULD HAVE TO BE COORDINATED WIDELY THROUGH SEVERAL MINISTRIES. FCO OFFICER PROMISED TO TRY TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO UK TEAM SO LATTER WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO GIVE INITIAL REACTION IN TALKS NEXT WEEK. BUT HE NOTED TEAM IS LEAVING LONDON TODAY SO EVEN THIS MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE. HE NOTED THAT SRI LANKA GOVERNMENT (SRG) REQUESTED HMG TO LOOK INTO PROVISION OF A FRIGATE TO SRI LANKA NAVY SOME TIME AGO. HMG HAS NOT YET REPLIED TO SRG INQUIRY.
 3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, FCO'S CHALMERS REMARKED
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TO US THAT OPERATIVE WORD FOR HMG IS "SELL". HE

IMPLIED HMG UNWILLING GIVE CONCESSIONARY CREDIT.

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